

June 5, 2008

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Waters; Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; Supt. Givens; John Russell – Russell Excavating; and Bill Kennedy.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he has spoken with Stan Karcher with INDOT about the 4th Street project, and Mr. Karcher indicated that he needs to speak with his supervisor about what can be done at the Mill Street intersection. He stated they did discuss several different options; they could close Mill Street to the south, leaving the north side open; which he disagrees with as folks are already disregarding the signage that is there. He then stated another option would be to block off the north end of Mill Street; or finally, close both ends of Mill Street completely with barricades. He added if they do decide to do that, INDOT would provide the barricades and the signs. He then asked the Board for their input ?

Board member Askren replied she hates to close down the street completely due to the businesses located on Mill Street.

Board member Higgins agreed and added she has spoken to the manager of Auto Zone who indicated they have already seen a drop in business due to the construction. She added the whole issue boils down to safety, someone is going to get hurt.

Board member Askren questioned putting up No Turn on Red signs.

Chief Beloit replied they already have those up and they are not helping. He added Mayor Tucker had already thought of that as well.

Board member Higgins wondered about a delayed signal sign possibly down around the old Tolers market ?

Chief Beloit replied he does not think that would make much of a difference as it is the Mill Street intersection that is the issue.

Board member Higgins agreed and added again, safety is the issue.

Mayor Tucker asked if Mr. Karcher is wanting a consensus of some kind from the Board?

Chief Beloit replied he believes just any options, or whatever the Board feels is their preference.

Board member Higgins stated she feels the best option would be to close Mill Street north, and leave it open to the south.

Mayor Tucker stated right now is a tough time for the economy, businesses are barely surviving the way it is. He then stated projects like this can cause some inconveniences, but again, safety is the main concern.

Chief Waters questioned the possibility of putting signs on the actual barricades themselves (the concrete barriers).

Chief Belloat suggested they just wait on INDOT recommendations.

Mayor Tucker stated he likes that idea.

Board concurred.

Mayor Tucker then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated the Indiana State Police are holding their annual Camp at USI this week and they have asked the city to bring out their Survival Life Trailer tomorrow night.

Board Askren stated that sounds very nice.

Mayor Tucker added it is a good program, good PR for the city, and they may save a life from being there.

Board consented to allow the trailer to go to USI.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated in reference to the Dodge truck they have discussing the past several meetings, he received another quote from Ewings on the transmission, etc. and it is comparable to the one they already received from Expressway. He added Mr. Moss does need a work truck, and he feels this would be a good option, and there is a warranty on the transmission.

Mayor Tucker agreed and added for \$2,800.00 it is worth it, especially if it lasts for a couple of years.

Supt. Givens agreed.

Board consented to have the truck repaired and put into service at the sewer department for Mr. Moss.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating he has two quotes, possibly another on the way, to replace the control panel boxes at Russell (O'Donnell) Trailer Park. He added the boxes should have been replaced 10 years ago.

Board member Higgins stated from the pictures he presented it does not appear that these boxes are located in a very secure area.

Supt. Givens agreed and added he is sure that kids play around there, shoot BB guns at them, etc. He then stated they could put up No Trespassing signs but isn't sure how much good it would do. He added he would like to request that the Board accept the lowest quote, and if the third quote comes in even cheaper, he would like to accept it. If, he added, the specs are comparable. He stated the bottom line is that they need to get the boxes back up to code and running right.

Mayor Tucker stated the quotes are under the dollar amount for advertising, as follows: Carrier Electronics - \$6,500.00; PPMI - \$12,592.00 base, with added option, \$13,009.00.

Supt. Givens stated the third quote he is waiting on could come in even lower.

Board then consented to replace the pump control panel at Russell Trailer Park, going with the lowest quote once the third quote has been received, with Mayor Tucker to call Board members with the final cost.

Mayor Tucker then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated they have been busy cleaning out their yard for the water department and the units that hold their salt spreader are coming apart. He added he has contacted J & J Welding for a quote to replace them and it will be close to \$8,000.00. He stated they will not need these units until they make the move to their new location at Bluff Road, but he wanted the Board to know this will be coming up. He then stated everything else went smooth and they have found places to store all of their stuff.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is a request from the Presbyterian Church.

Bill Kennedy approached and stated they will be having a hog roast in August, which will be open to the public, and they would like to request Walnut Street be closed between 5th and 6th Streets on August 8 starting at 8:00 a.m. until Saturday around 10:00 p.m. He added they will need the room to set up the smoker and the tent. He

then stated the actual event will be held Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He stated they will serve somewhere around 300 people but most of that will be from advanced sales.
Mayor Tucker stated he sees no problem with it and encourages these events.
Board member Askren stated she has no problem with the request and asked about insurance.
Mr. Kennedy replied he has the certificate with him.
Board consented to the request.
Mr. Kennedy then thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated the next issue before the Board is the sewer issue at Russell (O'Donnell) Trailer Park and Mr. John Russell is present today. He added they have been meeting for several weeks with Mr. Russell about this and he believes they have come to an agreement. He added they do not have everything in black and white yet, but at this point, a verbal agreement will be fine.

Mr. Russell stated they need to verify that they are potentially tapping into a 6" line and questioned Supt. Givens about exposing the entire line, or just where they want to tap – for Supt. Givens to view the line before they tap ?

Supt. Givens replied the whole line does not need to be exposed, he added once they get in and have verified that it is a 6" line, they can possibly get their camera truck in there to verify the diameter.

Mr. Russell stated time is of the essence on this as Mrs. Hinkle is having to pay \$150.00 every time her septic tank has to be emptied. He added Russell's will also be responsible for putting in a clean out at the property line and wondered Supt. Givens' preferences on either Y's or 45's after the clean out. He then stated whichever is what they will do, but he would like to have it in writing from Supt. Givens.

Supt. Givens agreed.

Mr. Russell stated the line from the lift station to manhole will also cross a city park, though he believes that years ago Mr. O'Donnell bought that line and the city installed it. He then added the city will take that over and Russell's will keep ownership of the laterals.

Supt. Givens stated they can work out the law on the easements, etc. when Attorney Higgins returns.

Mr. Russell stated they will not have an issue with that once they get past the Hinkle property. He then asked if they had a verbal agreement ?

Board agreed.

Mayor Tucker stated the last communication he received from Attorney Higgins indicated that a verbal agreement at this time would be fine, pending completion of the paperwork.

Supt. Givens asked if they should wait to get the signatures before they proceed ?

Mr. Russell replied he does not believe they need to wait, he feels it isn't fair for Mrs. Hinkle to have to wait any longer.

Supt. Givens added they have made good progress on this so far.

Board member Askren moved they go forward on the take over of the sewer line at Russell Trailer Park, pending completion of paperwork. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Russell thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, they need to discuss their next meeting, as Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe will be out of town.

Board member Askren moved to cancel the meeting on the 19th of June and approve payment of the payrolls. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer